

REMARKS

This is in response to the Official Action mailed October 7, 2003, notifying Applicants of a restriction requirement. Applicants believe that no fees are required with this response. If any fees are required, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge the same to the account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435, with reference to our matter number 6847-67823.

Claims 1-5, 7-14, and 19-32 are pending in the application and the Examiner has required restriction between three groups of claims drawn to allegedly separate and distinct categories of aluminum alloys:

Group I, claims 2-5, 12-14, 19, and 20, corresponding to species Al-Mg;

Group II, claims 10, 28-31, corresponding to species Al-Cu, and;

Group III, claims 21-27, corresponding to species Al-Si.

Applicants elect the claims of Group I, claims 2-5, 12-14, 19, and 20 for prosecution in the present application, with traverse. As indicated above Applicants have withdrawn claims 10, 28-31, and 21-27 from non-elected species Al-Cu and Al-Si.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for substantive examination.

Respectfully submitted



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